

# Paddle Safe



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## FOLLOW THESE TIPS:

**P** repair your craft

**A** bility – don't push your capabilities

**D** on't paddle alone

**D** on't cross paths and be aware of other vessels

**L** ifejacket – wear it

**E** xperience – consider this when choosing a craft

**S** tick close to the shore

**A** t night, paddle with a light

**F** orecast - check the weather

**E** nter the water safely

**T** ides and times – know the tide times and tell others when you will be back

**Y** ou! Make good choices

[www.mast.tas.gov.au](http://www.mast.tas.gov.au) > Paddle Craft

## Safety Equipment for Lightweight Craft

Equipment Required	Smooth Waters	Sheltered Waters	Coastal Waters
Lifejacket	✓	✓	✓
White Strobe Light or all round light with 360° visibility	✓ (at night)	✓ (at night)	✓ (at night)
Tethering Device when more than 200m offshore	✓	✓	✓
EPIRB or PLB			✓
VHF – handheld	Recommend carrying mobile phone in waterproof pouch for communication	Recommend carrying mobile phone in waterproof pouch for communication	✓
Bailer or Bilge in craft unless hull permanently enclosed	✓	✓	✓
Compass			✓
Flares	Recommended	Recommended if undertaking a passage paddle	✓
OR		OR	OR
EVDS	Recommended	Recommended if undertaking a passage paddle EVDS, VHF and GPS-EPIRB or PLB	✓ EVDS, VHF and GPS-EPIRB or PLB and 2 Parachute flares



To learn more about paddling rules and safety tips, see the MAST website or visit a Boat Safe or Paddle Safe Partner.

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